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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Yoshirou YAMAZAKI
IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND METHOD
Our Ref. Q61627

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including fifty-one (51) sheets of the specification, claims, and twenty-one (21) sheets of drawings. The requisite U.S. Government Filing fee, executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	24	-	20	=	4	x	\$18.00	=	\$72.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=		x	\$80.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$710.00
TOTAL FEE									\$782.00

Priority is claimed from December 02, 1999 based on JP Application No. 99-343565. The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Saturday, the filing of this application on Monday, December 4, 2000, is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.

Respectfully submitted,
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